

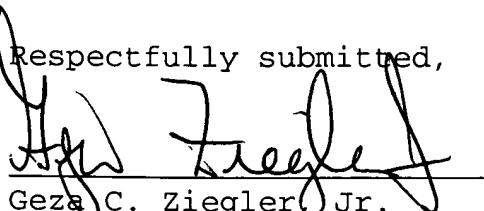
III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-14, 29-33, 54-61, 63, 76, 96-98 and 101-106 are withdrawn without prejudice. Claims 34, 50, 77 and 92 are amended. Claims 34-53 and 77-95 are pending in this application.
2. Applicant elects claims 42 and 84 and their dependents (Group IV as identified by the Examiner) for further prosecution on the merits in response to the restriction requirement. The claims of Group III and Group V have been amended to become part of Group IV.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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